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To our Federal Communications Commissioners:

I am very disturbed that our 3 Republican FCC Commissioners seem to be hell bent to allow a media monopoly ownership of our nations print and airwaves.

Creation of a monopoly will stifle the ability for independents to purchase radio stations and newspapers, as well as create a 'Big Brother' monopoly of what will be allowed to go out to the public. In other words we can very well have a "Newspeak" mentality, as was written in Orwell's -"1984." This would be a very clear violation of the public trust.

When you create a scenario wherein competition will not have a financial leg to stand on in going up against a monopoly of ownership you are then gutting the very foundations of free, and independent ownership, and the ability to have a diversity of information and opinions. This will allow the news that the general public receives to be propagandized.

I cannot help but wonder what FCC Commissioners' Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, and Kevin Martin underlying motives truly are. It definitely is not for the best interest of the general public.

We have already experienced monopolies taking over print and air-waves in the Metro-Detroit arena through the Joint Operating Agreement of The Detroit News, and Detroit Free Press, as well as in the buying out of local radio stations -- namely WXYT, which killed local talk radio in our area.

Do not create anymore damage to our "Rights to Know."

Sincerely,  
Mary MacMaster - Oakland County Taxpayers Association  
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